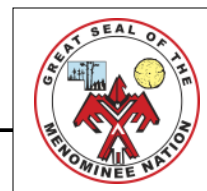


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*Michael Chapman, chairperson of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, today released the following statement regarding the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Report addressing the Tribe's proposed Kenosha entertainment center and casino:*

"The Scoping Report will serve as a roadmap as the Bureau of Indian Affairs reviews our proposal, and it is clear from the detail included in this document that the BIA analysis will be thorough and complete. We have always welcomed careful scrutiny of our proposed development, and we believe that as the BIA reviews the facts, it will concur that our plan is not only good for Kenosha and the Menominee, but also for the State of Wisconsin as a whole.

"Our proposed entertainment center and casino will create more than 3,000 good-paying, family-sustaining jobs with healthcare and other benefits in an important economic region of our state. It will provide hundreds of millions of dollars to local and state government, strengthen local schools and charities, increase tourism, allow organizing opportunities for state labor groups and more. It will also provide funds to help strengthen the Menominee Tribal government and help the Tribe provide essential government services on the Reservation such as police and fire protection, housing, utilities, social services and education.

"Additionally, economic analyses and feasibility studies have confirmed that our development can successfully co-exist with an expanded Potawatomi casino in Milwaukee, as well as Illinois facilities. There is ample market demand for all of us to flourish, and we are confident the final Environmental Impact Statement will recognize that.

"The release of the Scoping Report, like the Intergovernmental Agreement that was finalized earlier this week and the overwhelming show of support in the November referendum, is another important step forward for our project. We are grateful for the warm welcome we've received in the Kenosha community. We believe this Scoping Report paves the way for a positive BIA review that demonstrates we can do this project the right way for our Tribe, Kenosha and Wisconsin, and we look forward to continuing to work with the BIA to make our plans a reality."